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**STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE
NOW OUT IN PAPERBACK**

The first two volumes in the Society's book series, *Life, Death and the Elderly* and *Medicine and Charity before the Welfare State* are both out in paperback, priced at £13.99 each. *The Health of the Child* is selling very well and it is hoped that this will also appear in paperback soon. The next volume in the series, *Reassessing Foucault*, edited by Colin Jones and Roy Porter, is due to be published in May 1994.

NEW DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Work has begun at the University of Oxford on a new edition of the *Dictionary of National Biography (DNB)*, with financial support from the British Academy and Oxford University Press. One of the priorities of the new edition will be to ensure that the field of medicine is well represented. Maggie Pelling has been appointed Consultant Editor for Medicine and we hope to increase the number of doctors, nurses and other practitioners, as well as writers on medicine, benefactors of medical institutions, health reformers, and any others who contributed to the field. A general priority of the edition is to include more women. Suggestions for new entries and improvements to existing ones may be made on a questionnaire available from Dr Elizabeth Baigent, Research Director, New DNB, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP.

All correspondence about the content and circulation of the Gazette should be sent to the editor, Michael Worboys, History, Sheffield Hallam University, Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8UZ, Great Britain. Tel. 0742 532686/5 FAX 0742 532603. **DISCLAIMER** It is stressed that any views expressed in this Gazette are those of the Editor or the named contributor; they are not necessarily those of the Executive Committee or general membership. While every care is taken to provide accurate and helpful information in this Gazette, the Society for the Social History of Medicine, the Chair of its Executive Committee and the Editor of the Gazette accept no responsibility for omissions or errors or their subsequent effects. Readers are expected to check all essential information appropriate to specific circumstances.

EC NEWS

ELECTIONS

There were only three nominations for the five vacancies announced in the last Gazette, so Norris Saakwe-Mante, Harriet Deacon and Kelly Boyd are formally elected to the EC. Anne Borsay and Naomi Williams will continue as co-opted members.

Norris Saakwa-Mante is currently completing a PhD in the History of Science at Harvard University on the topic of the construction of race in nineteenth century scientific culture. Her interests are in the history of race and the evolutionary sciences in the nineteenth century, the contributions to natural history and anthropology by nineteenth century medical figures and the development of medicine in the nineteenth century British Empire.

Harriet Deacon is currently working on the history of general medical practitioners in the Cape Colony, South Africa, in the early nineteenth century. She is the Clifford Norton Junior Research Fellow in the History of Medicine at The Queen's College, Oxford. Previous research, towards a Ph.D. (Cambridge, 1991-4), has been on the history of a leper, chronic sick hospital and lunatic asylum on Robben Island, off Cape Town. Before coming to Cambridge she was at the University of Cape Town where she read History and Anthropology for a BA. (Honours) in African Studies.

Kelly Boyd is a lecturer in social history in the Department of Social Policy and Politics, Goldsmiths College, University of London. She received her PhD in history from Rutgers University in the United States in 1991. Her doctoral thesis was a study of the constructions of masculinity in boys' story papers in Britain between 1855 and 1940. Her current research expands on this and seeks to place the construction of masculinity in the various discourses including medical notions of masculinity. She is also involved in current research in gender and social policy.

OTHER NEWS

Accounts The Society's Accounts for 1993 have now been audited and are presented below on page 7.

Membership Information List A simple questionnaire to establish this Listing is enclosed with this mailing of the Journal. The EC is keen to have a good response to learn more of the interests of our membership.

AGM The Agenda for the AGM, to held at the Annual Conference in Exeter in July 1994 is detailed on page 6.

A BIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE OF MEDICAL REFUGEES IN BRITAIN, 1930-1960

This project is intended to be the definitive study of a circumscribed, but highly significant episode in the history of British medicine and medical research. It involves compiling a comprehensive biographical database on medical refugees who arrived in Great Britain during the 1930s and 40s from continental Europe. The study will document the migration and assess the contribution to British medicine in terms of professional experiences and academic activities.

Computerisation will enable an analytical reconstruction of the medical influx. We will reconstruct on an individual basis, the circumstances that led to migration to Britain, and compile a biographical profile including such details as age and geographical origins, family circumstances, re qualification, internment, professional achievements and general patterns of settlement.

The project will be as broad as possible in scope and will include medical practitioners, dental surgeons, nurses, psychotherapists, and researchers in medicine in the life sciences. It also covers those refugees who completed their secondary education in Britain and studied medicine, nursing, dentistry etc. All continental European countries of origin are included.

We intend to publish a biographical dictionary, as well as to make the database available as a research resource to assist other researchers in the field.

We would be grateful for all information, especially from those who emigrated and from relatives, colleagues and friends. We would also like to hear from those who while themselves not among the refugees have relevant memories, or who know of sources. The project is based at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, and is supported by a grant from the Wellcome Trust. Please contact Dr Karola Decker or Dr Paul Weindling at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, 45-47 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PE, Tel: 0865 274600 (Fax 0865 274605).

Membership of the Society for the Social History of Medicine includes a subscription to the journal and is paid through: Journal Subscription Department, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6DP. Membership in 1994 is £24 (UK and Europe) and \$43 elsewhere. Details of membership and of the Society's activities are available from the Hon. Secretary, Dr Lara Marks, Health Promotion Sciences Unit, Dept of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The information given below is accurate as far as we know. However, we accept no responsibility for errors. Please contact the organiser to confirm details. Notices of conferences and other events for inclusion in this section should be sent to the Editor. We reserve the right to edit and select items for inclusion.

SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE.

Summer Conference 1994

Family and Medicine

8-10 July 1994, University of Exeter.

Details included with this mailing of the Journal. Further enquiries to: Dr Jonathan Barry, History, Queen's Building, University of Exeter, Exeter, EX4 4QH.

Autumn Conference 1994

From Mental Illness to Mental Health: New Approaches in the Social History of Psychiatry

10-11 September 1994

Details from: Dr Mathew Thomson, Department of History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, S10 2TN.

Summer Conference 1995

Medicine and the Emergence of Modern Warfare

13-15 July 1995, WIHM, London

Details from: Dr. Mark Harrison, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE.

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Other Meetings

Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine

Symposia on the History of Medicine, 1994

6 May 1994 The History of Malaria and War

10 June 1994 Science and Medicine in the 1890s

Details from: The Secretary, Academic Unit, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE.

The Inhuman

25 June 1994, University of Central Lancashire

Further details available from: Department of Cultural Studies, University of Central Lancashire, Preston PR1 2HE.

Auckland Medical Historical Society

New Countries and Old Medicine: An international conference on the history of medicine and health

23-26 August 1994, University of Auckland, New Zealand,

Further details from: Linda Bryder, Department of History, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

Fax: (0064) 09 3737438; E-mail l.bryder@auckland.ac.nz.

British Society for Population Studies

Annual Conference

31 August - 2 September 1994, St Aidan's College, University of Durham

The conference will include sessions on contemporary European demography; population, the environment and development; local authority demography; AIDS; and historical demography.

Dr Andrew Hinde, Department of Social Statistics, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO9 5NH.

34th International Congress on the History of Medicine

4-9 September 1994, Glasgow

Further details from: 34th International Congress on the History of Medicine, Conference Secretariat, Meeting Makers, 50 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1QE, Scotland.

Healing, magic and belief in Europe, 15th-20th Centuries: New Perspectives

21-25 September 1994, University of Amsterdam

Call for papers and details from Marijke Gijswijt-Hofstra, Department of History, University of Amsterdam, Spuistraat 134, 1012 VB Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Public Health and Urban History

Public Health in Britain, 1850-1990: The Local Dimension

22 October 1994, University of Leicester

Further details from: Dr John Welshman, Urban History Research, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH.

American Association for the History of Medicine

Annual Meeting of AAHM

11- 14 May 1995

Further details: Dr Jonathan Erlen, Local Organising Committee, 123 Northview Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

Röntgen Centenary Congress

12-16 June 1995, International Convention Centre, Birmingham

Speakers include: David Cantor, Patrice Pinell, Joel Howell and Anja Hiddinga

Further details from: Vanessa Whitehead, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

The Victorians And Race

8-9 July 1995, University of Leicester

CALL FOR PAPERS This interdisciplinary conference will seek to examine the issue of race on several levels: representation, social theory and ethnic experience.

Further details from: Dr. Shearer West, Department of History of Art, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH.

2. Balance sheet

1. Income and expenditure for the 12 months ending 31 December 1993	
Income	Expenditure
Membership	Administration & Secretarial
Interest	Conference bursaries
Gazette	Gazette
Publications	Publications
Journal	Journal
High Interest Cheque Account	High Interest Cheque Account
Annual Conference 1993	Annual Conference 1993
	Annual Conference 1992
	Annual Conference 1991
Total	Total
£ 12081.73	£ 10932.15

Excess of income over expenditure transferred to assets: £1149.58.

2. Balance sheet	
Assets	Represented by
Net assets at 31 December 1992	High Interest Cheque Account
Cheques shown as liabilities in 1991/92 balance sheet and cashed in 1991/92	Current Account
Excess of income over expenditure in 1993	
Gross assets	
Liabilities:	
Uncashed cheques	
Net assets as at 31 December 1992	
£ 10875.33	£ 11662.54
67.50	429.87
1149.58	
12092.41	12092.41
10.00	
12082.41	

Signed: Bernard Harris Bernard Harris, Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet set out above and compared them with the books and vouchers of the Society.

In my opinion and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Income and Expenditure Account for the period and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1993 shows a true and fair view of the Society's affairs at that date.

Signed: Julie Garner
Julie Garner
Aquarian Accounting
73 Forest Hills Drive
Southampton
24 January 1994

Annual General Meeting

4.15 p.m. Saturday 9 July 1994, University of Exeter

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matter arising
4. Annual Report
5. Elections to the EC
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Journal Editors' Report
8. Other Reports
9. 1993 Essay Prize, Announcement of Winner
10. Constitutional Amendments (See below)
11. Any other business

Constitutional Amendments

That Clause 2 should read as follows:

2. Membership

Membership of the Society is on a personal basis only. There are two grades of membership.

1. Full membership - full members will receive all the services provided by the Society.
2. Associate membership - associate members will receive all the services provided by the Society with the exception of receipt of the Journal published on behalf of the Society.

Clause 7 as follows:

- 7 (iii) (e) 'nine' to be replaced by 'no more than fifteen'.
- 7 (vii) 'a term of six years' to be replaced by a 'term of three years, renewable for a further three years at the discretion of the Executive Committee.'

Clause 9 to read as follows:

- 9 (iii)(f) The AGM shall undertake ... the approval of a qualified person to audit the Society's accounts for the coming year. Such a person shall have ability and experience in accountancy matters and be independent of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee 1993-4

David Smith (Chair), Centre for Cultural History, University of Aberdeen, Humanity Manse, Aberdeen.
Lara Marks (Honorary Secretary), Health Promotion Sciences Unit, Dept of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT
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